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<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/volunteering/>

Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Sept. 2009

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

The mission of the Forest Service is guided by the fundamental principle of providing the greatest amount of good for the greatest amount of people in the long run and is characterized by the slogan: Caring for the Land and Serving People.

National Public Lands Day, September 26 theme this year is *Water – and How it Connects to our Public Lands* (which in many places form the watershed for large numbers of people). We invite you to come and enjoy this event in Big Tujunga Canyon, more information/flyer will be available soon. You can see the listing on the California page: <http://www.publiclandsday.org/involved/sites.htm?state=California> August is ending up with a BANG. The Morris and Station Fires have taken and held the spotlight for a couple of weeks with dramatic fire behavior and highway closures, impacting the recreation opportunity and experience on the Angeles National Forest. Hopefully, this isn't an indication of a severe fire season on the Angeles National Forest as September/October approaches.

As you venture into the Forest, make sure of your situational awareness, since things can change dramatically as witnessed by the Morris and Station Fires.

As we come to the close of another Fiscal Year, we can look back and see quite a few accomplishments (miles of trail maintained, facility improvements – campfire rings, etc) that were either funded (appropriated funds – ARRA, Fee Demo etc) or non funded (in-kind donation – volunteer hours). All of these accomplishments help us to provide a quality recreational experience and provide the foundation for greater achievements in the future. Without your assistance, we could not provide the high quality service.

Welcome to the Forest Service: A Guide for Volunteers, (Tech. Rep. 0967-2813-MTDC) is available to all volunteers. This guide will provide you with a brief history of the Forest Service, an overview of the volunteer program, and some information you will need to work safely and productively for the agency. If you want a copy, please contact either your Group leader or myself.

Have you accumulated 500 volunteer hours since January 1, 2007? If you have, please contact me so that you can receive your America the Beautiful – Annual Pass. The volunteer program is open to all individuals and/or groups that are interested in assisting the Angeles NF in accomplishing natural resource management objectives. If you're interested in assisting us in managing your National Forest or have questions about the Volunteer Program, please contact me at 818-899-1900 ext 229 or hokamoto@fs.fed.us

/s/ Howard S. Okamoto
Angeles National Forest
Los Angeles River Ranger District
Recreation Officer

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Never tell people
how to do things.
Tell them what
to do, and they
will surprise you
with their
ingenuity.

GEORGE S
PATTON

NO SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

NOTE: Due to the fires volunteer groups projects in the Angeles Forest have been cancelled. Check with your desired group about any projects outside the Angeles Forest.

**If you wish to get a electronic copy of this Newsletter, go to:
<http://www.mtlowe.net/VolunteerNews.htm>**

THIS SAYS IT ALL

Local newspapers have reported that mile after mile of mountain and canyon lands along both sides of the two-lane highway, Route 2, has been stripped of manzanita, sumac, sycamore and pine trees that had not previously burned in nearly half a century. That vistas has become moonscapes of dirt, rock and ash in the Angeles National Forest



The remains of the wildwood building where volunteer meetings were once held.

A NEW MEETING PLACE IS NOW NEEDED.

GOT A MEETING PLACE THEN TALK TO HOWARD!



Volunteers will be needed

In the near future Los Angeles River Ranger District biologists and environmental rehabilitation specialists are expected to begin inspecting the damage and developing recovery strategies in the near future. There will be a need for volunteers in the recovery process.

More information about what help is needed will be issued in future newsletters

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

AC100

<http://www.ac100.com>

• The 2009 AC100 race has been cancelled

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Trail Work Report

Acorn Trail – Wrightwood, CA, August 15, 2009

Workers present: - Hal Chiasson (trail chief), Vanessa Jones & Cheryl Zwarkowski (AC 100 Runners) & John Marnell & Peter Livingston (volunteers.)

The above personnel met in the vicinity of the Wrightwood Community Center at 7:30 AM. (There was an antique car show that day, and streets were blocked.)

We then car-pooled to Inspiration Point, and then on the dirt road leading to just beyond the point where the Acorn and PCT trails intersect...approximately 6.5 miles from Inspiration Point. (The road is full of potholes, and very bumpy. I lost the undercarriage of my wife's Subaru in the process.)

After allocating tools, we had a brief safety meeting, and proceeded down the trail toward Wrightwood, sweeping, digging up rocks, and cutting dead branches from fallen trees on the way. This trail had not been worked on in many years, but over all was not in bad shape in spite of heavy usage by runners and hikers.

This trail, approximately 2 ½ - 3 miles in length, is very steep, and begins after leaving the steep, paved road from Acorn Street in Wrightwood, near the beginning of the race, and proceeding to approximately 7800 feet in elevation, at the intersection of the PCT. (Downtown Wrightwood, the beginning of the race, is approximately 6000 feet in elevation.)

My main concern was two sections of the trail approximately 1 ½ - 2 miles down from the top, which were very narrow & winding, and where erosion and slides had made the trail very narrow and difficult to navigate without extra care. Additionally, these sections of the trail are encountered by runners on race day at between 5:00 and 5:45 AM, when it is still dark, making the footing even more precarious.

In both of these sections, we were able to dig out the mountain side of the trail with picks, shovels and McLeods to widen the trail, while at the same time shoring up the outside thereof with rocks and branches. There were several other sections where the trail had narrowed over the years due to slides, but we were able to widen these sections as well.

The first ¼ mile or so of the trail, starting at the bottom, is extremely rocky, and subject to much erosion and soil/rock movement as a result of rains and snow, primarily in the late summer and winter seasons. We were able to clear out a narrow trail through this section, to make passage easier.

I would have liked to have continued clearing the PCT, West of the junction of the Acorn trail, but did not have the personnel available to do so.

There were no noteworthy incidents to report.

Recommendations for future trail work include:

Working westward from the junction of the Acorn trail to below the Blue Ridge campground, along the AC 100 course. This area has also not been maintained for many years, and is subject to erosion, rocks and bushes which in some places obscure the trail. This is a very beautiful section, having views of Mt Baden Powell, and is used frequently by campers and hikers from both the Guffy and Blue Ridge campgrounds, as well as hikers and runners from surrounding areas.

Respectfully submitted,

Hal Chiasson, AC 100 trails volunteer.

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG)

www.altadenatrails.org 626-797-7243

Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers (AMBTK)

Mark Gage mrgy33@hotmail.com

This work was done up at the three switchback area. This work was needed because of trail cutting and normal erosion. George, Hoss, Mitch and myself were involved in the the repairs. Another volunteer Barbara was on the way down the trail picking up the trash. We all commented on how clean the trail was. She cleaned up the "picnic" that had taken place at the towers and all the way back to the start. We will be trying a cleaning material, suggested by forest ranger Howard, to remove graffiti. We will report back to you for a report in the next issue on how it worked. Also we are having to install more fencing to try and prevent trail cutting. All this work is being done by hikers and mountain bikers to improve the safety and enjoyment of the Lower Sam Merrill trail.

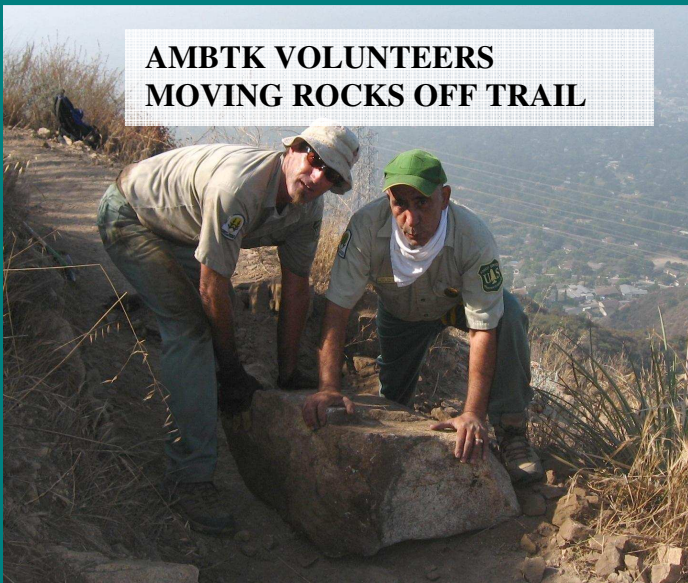
AMBTK VOLUNTEERS REPAIRING A SLIDE IN THE TRAIL



AMBTK VOLUNTEERS FINISHING THE SLIDE REPAIR



AMBTK VOLUNTEERS MOVING ROCKS OFF TRAIL



Antelope Valley Conservancy

www.avconservancy.org

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avconservancy@yahoo.com

Angeles Mountain bike Patrol

m.rmccuire@hotmail.com Our mission is to provide educational and a responsible image to all trail users. To encourage rider's to obey forest regulations and working to preserve and protect trails. A.M.P is here to serve and inform the public.

Audubon Center at Debs Park

http://www.ca.audubon.org/debs_park.php
(323) 221-2255

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

Welcome to the Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association , a nonprofit volunteer organization

dedicated to restoring, maintaining and staffing to lookouts on the Angeles National Forest.

Be a Lookout!

It's probably easier then you realize to become an active Fire Lookout with the ANFFLA. It just takes a few classes training (which are quite fun!) and the desire to spend some time in the Angeles National Forest

BEYOND BASECAMP

Beyondbasecamp.com

323 896-0123

There's always much to be done at our local mountains adopted back-country trail camps. We're always in need of volunteers to help with camp projects or trail maintenance.

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW (BCTC)

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Look at our 2010 schedule and make your plans for volunteering with our group.

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Big Santa Anita Firesafe Council

cafiresafe@sbcglobal.net

Looking for volunteers to assist in fuel hazard reduction, trail maintenance and visitor information in Big Santa Anita Canyon.

Blight Busters Trail Crew

Danny Treadway dayhiker86@yahoo.com

Graffiti Removal & Trail Clean Up.

Boy Scouts of America

Los Angeles Area Council <http://www.laac-hat.com/> •Sept 12th outing cancelled

The project I finally chose consisted of trail work on the Mt. Wilson trail. Our first step was to scout out the project and prepare a proposal for the work to be done. The first section between Mt. Wilson and the toll road looked great, as the foliage had recently been trimmed. Back on the trail we walked .5 miles to where it intersected with the Winter Creek Trail. This part of the trail looked well traveled and nicely kept. At this point we started to wonder if we would come across the trail work that was needed. As we moved down the beautiful trail towards Sierra Madre, we began to see areas on the trail that definitely needed attention. The trees and shrubs were in some areas making it difficult to pass along the trail. Erosion and wear from foot traffic were beginning to take its toll upon the trail in other areas. So we took a few photos and hiked back up the hill to the Mt. Wilson parking lot. We compiled a project proposal with photos that was approved by Mr. Okamoto, and the Scout officials.

On Tuesday August 18, we drove out to the Los Angeles River Ranger District offices and met Mr. Okamoto. He provided us with all of the tools and materials that we needed to take care of the trail project. We filled the back of our truck with loppers, McLeods, shovels, saws, pickaxes, stakes, fencing and wire mesh.

Early on Wednesday morning we drove a crew of 11 people up to Mount Wilson. The tools and equipment were equally divided among the team who also carried backpacks with snacks and water. The load was definitely not light but we enthusiastically headed towards our destination. A half mile down the trail we began our work. Brush was cleared using the hedge trimmers and loppers. McLeods were used to smooth out the rough parts of the trail. Where the trail was narrow from foot traffic and erosion, we used stakes, fencing and mesh to create a reinforcement that was back filled with rocks, gravel and soil.

On Thursday we did the same routine all over again. We are already looking forward as a scout troop to continuing our work on other areas of the trail.

California Trail Users Coalition

(CTUC) www.ctuc.info

• Sept 16th Meeting

City of Glendale

We wanted to take the time to mention that our phone line was wiped out in the fire. The city is currently working on getting us back up and running up at the Deuk in the next few days. In the meantime, the best form of communication is email. You can either respond to this email, or email Russ Hauck, Sr. Park Naturalist directly at rhauck@ci.glendale.ca.us

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Trails and Open Space Specialist

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Community Hiking Club (CHC)

communityhikingclub.org

661-259-2743

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel

email: zuliebear@aol.com

- Sept 12th -Magic Mountain
Clean up and Hike with CHC and the Sierra Club.
- Sept 13th -Search and Rescue
Canceled
- Sept 26th Matt Nelson will lead you up the Los Pinetos Trail to Bear Divide and back.

Concerned Of-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

Telephone (818) 773-3555

<http://www.corbamtb.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl>

- Oct 3rd Introduction to Mtn Biking Skills
Clinic First Saturday of each month,
0900 – 1300 Malibu Creek State Park
- Oct 26th Fat Tire Fest '09
Castaic Lake – 0800-1600
www.fattirefest.com

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center www.haramokngna.org

Dear Friends
I was at haramokngna 09-06! Heart wrenching journey. We are fortunate that our buildings are standing. Our fence is gone. our botanic garden is in shreds, the patio cover was removed and stuffed in a barrel - so we salvaged what we could and its in the garage. No electricity. The water overflow pipes are gone. There is water so far in the water system - I don't know what is in the tanks - it may be the last of the water - gravity flow. No phone. the Forest won't let us up there for a week or more - then we have to rethink what our capability will be in the forest. We do have a fringe of green - but it got up to the barracks - and the back of the Lodge - but we also have a new opportunity to work with the Forest and the community on leading the way in understanding and supporting the Native way of Earth Renewal. Send prayers for light rain. thanks

Kat at 310-455-1588,
katcalls@aol.com

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee

<http://cityofpasadena.org/publicworks/PNR/ArroyoSeco/annex.asp>

Victory Park, 2575 Paloma St. ,Pasadena, CA

For any questions or further information, please don't hesitate contacting:

Rosa Laveaga

Arroyo Seco Project Supervisor/HWPAC Liaison

City of Pasadena

Parks & Natural Resources Division

Phone: (626)744-3883 Email: rlaveaga@cityofpasadena.net

- Sept 14th Design Commission Meeting

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Pasadena Senior Center in Memorial Park,
85 E. Holly Street

Agenda Item: Recommendation on the Initial Study for the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan

Addendum for the Hahamongna Annex; and

Recommendation on the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan Addendum for the Hahamongna Annex.

Park Master Plan Addendum for the Hahamongna Annex

- Sept 29th

Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee – Special Meeting

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Location: La Casita del Arroyo – 177 S. Arroyo Blvd.

Agenda Items: Various items including Update on the Draft Initial Study for the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan Addendum for the Hahamongna Annex; and the Draft Hahamongna Watershed

High Country Riders

Forest wide equestrian volunteer group that patrols trails and can pack Trash, Rubbish, Equipment, Material and Supplies etc...to your Trail or worksite.

Glen Foster 760-868-8313 or 760-508-0344
second contact is

Dave Ewbanks 909-489-5470

HABITATWORK.ORG

Kim Clark or Tom Persons

818-353-4653

<http://www.habitatwork.org/calendar.htm>

- Sept 12th Unarmored 3-Spined Stickleback
Conservation CANCELLED
- Sept 26th/27th TBA (Wind Wolves?)
with campout

JAM

Time2JAM.com

Josh@Time2JAM.com

(818) 714-0634

Calling all volunteers to help maintain Gould Mesa Trail Camp.

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.jplhiking.org/>

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)

626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

• **Sept 12th Outing outside Angeles Forest**

We will continue work on either the Mt Lowe West, Mt Lowe East or Colby Canyon Trails depending upon road, and tunnel conditions. The maintenance work consists of cutting back brush and trail widening.

Kathie

Matt Maxon matt@mattmaxon.com

“Hike to Mt Lukens spend a few hours working on Stone Cyn Trail. Most every Thursday ...90° + temps cancels

Don't want to hike up there? Other work days can be arranged!

Monrovia Canyon Park

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/index.cfm/0/Canyon-Park-1.cfm>

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer call Kathleen at 626-256-8282.

Mt. Wilson Observatory Association

<http://www.mwoa.org>

PO Box 70076 , Pasadena,
CA 91117-7076

• **Guided walking tours on hold!**

Mount Wilson Observatory is visited by thousands of people each year, and the Observatory expects to expand its tour program during 2009. To do so, we need the help of volunteers to staff these tours and to represent Mount Wilson to the visiting public. We are actively recruiting new candidates for docent training.

Docents go through an in-depth training process, conducted by the Mount Wilson Observatory Association, to provide them with the information they need to describe the historic and scientific highlights of the Observatory. This is followed by a period of assisting experienced docents prior to taking on primary responsibility for tours. We can fit your touring assignments to your availability restrictions.

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Outward Bound – Los Angeles

<http://www.obainc.org>

The mission of Outward Bound Los Angeles is to provide nature-based education that promotes positive self-development, environmental responsibility, and outdoor career exposure for low income, at-risk, and urban youth.

Phone: 626-564-0844

E-mail: obainc.sbcglobal.net

Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)

WWW.PCTA.org

• **Sept 18th - 24th The Northwest Service Academy outing cancelled.**

From desert to glacier-flanked mountain, meadow to forest, the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) symbolizes everything there is to love – and protect - in the Western United States. Join us as we celebrate, enjoy and safeguard this unique American treasure.

Mt Disappointment 50K/50M

www.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard, Director

gary@mtdisappointment50k.com

- **161 runners finished the 50 kilometer race**
- **72 runners finished the 50 mile race**

San Bernardino National Forest Assoc. Partner For Conservation, Education and Recreation

www.sbnfa.org Get Involved!

Volunteering is a strong part of our tradition at the National Forest Association. Through our more than 1,000 volunteers we serve more than 250,000 visitors annually. We couldn't do what we do without them. Forest Association staff regards their volunteer peers as fellow workers and we are eager to provide you with appropriate training to make your volunteer activities at the National Forest Association rewarding. As part of the Forest Association volunteer force, you will be effectively and creatively assisting staff in development of the programs and activities through meaningful assignments

We welcome suggestions regarding new volunteer assignments. If you have a special ability or expertise that you would like to share with us, please complete the form at <http://www.sbnfa.org/getinvolved.php> and click on submit. Every effort will be made to place you in an area that matches your interest and utilizes your special creative talents

Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting on a Quarterly basis at
Carvalho Sports Complex Activity Center.

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

Emworks@verizon.net

• Thanks to volunteers the Mt Lowe summit bench now looks like it did 100 years ago!

TreePeople <http://treepeople.org/>

• Sept 26th Join Kristina Clark and TreePeople for the kickoff of our fall planting season and the celebration of National Public Lands Day! We will celebrate by planting 500 native pine seedlings in an area of the Angeles Forest that has been devastated by bark beetles.

Due to the recent fires, we will have to wait to receive Forest Service approval before we continue with this event. Updates will be given closer to planting date.

For more information lisa Sotelo

Telephone (818) 623-4879 Email volunteer@treepeople.org

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

<http://www.crystallake.name>

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626-303-1078

We are continuing to work on restoring trails in the Crystal Lake basin, repairing the Upper Bear Creak Trail, and building a new bridge at Laurel Gulch in the East Fork of the San Gabriel River (en route to the Bridge to Nowhere). We are also completing a bridge at the Rincon Educational Center. We work on the first, third, and fifth Saturday of each month

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest Wrightwood, CA

<http://www.grassyhollow.net>

grassyhollow@hotmail.com

Loren Lake, President lorenll@verizon.net

Wednesday Hiking Club

• Sept 12th Outing cancelled

We're Korean-Americans, who love working in the National Forest. We work the 2nd Saturday of each month on maintaining the Sunset Ridge Trail, 12W18. If you would like to join us or have any questions, please contact Ted Kim at infocus804@yahoo.com

William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 5130

If you need assistance with a work project, please contact Kevin Sarkissian at:

ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org.

Two week advance notice is requested since my kids are scattered far and wide during the summer months.

Upcoming events:

Elsmere and PCT work projects - TBD monthly(June-Dec)

Mt Lowe Summit's Restoration!

Ever hiked to Mt Lowe summit and saw a metal frame over a metal chair with missing parts? Would you believe that broken chair was 100 years old!

Now thanks to Jon Wang's leadership with his Boy Scout eagle project work, the chair has been replaced with a replica of the original chair.

The site now looks like it did 100 years ago! Thank-you Jon Wang and the Boy scouts!



THE SUMMIT AS IT WAS



UP THE SUMMIT!



ASSEMBLY REQUIRED!



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!



WHAT A VIEW!

National Park “Special Resource Study

The National Park Service is conducting a “special resource study” of portions of the San Gabriel River watershed and the San Gabriel Mountains. Our current newsletter presents several draft alternative concepts for the area, each of which offers a different collaborative, partnership-based approach to resource protection and public use and enjoyment, while respecting existing land management and ownership. You may download [newsletter #4](#) from www.nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel or you may request a printed copy from our office.

We will be hosting five public meetings between August 31 and September 15 in cities throughout the study area. The schedule is listed below. Please join us at one of the public meetings to learn more about the draft alternative concepts, and to share your ideas, thoughts and concerns. Your comments by mail, e-mail and internet are welcome through October 30, 2009.

Public Meeting Locations and Times

We look forward to meeting you and hearing your ideas and comments at one of the following public meetings:

Glendora

Monday, September 14th

7pm - 9pm

Glendora Public Library
140 South Glendora Avenue

Palmdale

Tuesday, September 15th

7pm - 9pm

Larry Chimbole Cultural Center,
Lilac Room
38350 Sierra Highway

As directed by Congress in July 2003 (P.L. 108-042), the National Park Service (NPS) is conducting a “special resource study” of portions of the San Gabriel River and its tributaries from the city of Santa Fe Springs to the north, and the San Gabriel Mountains within the territory of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. This area includes portions of the Angeles National Forest, as well as many communities along the San Gabriel River. Many people, organizations, and agencies are working to conserve resources in this area to provide recreational opportunities, habitat restoration, watershed improvement, and flood protection. This study is intended to build on and complement the efforts that are underway.

Mail:

National Park Service
San Gabriel Special Resource Study
Park Planning and Environmental Compliance
1111 Jackson Street, Suite 700
Oakland, CA 94607

Martha Crusius, Project Manager, (510)817-1447

NEVER FEED A BEAR!

Officials unsure if bears killed woman

By The Associated Press | Saturday, August 08, 2009

OURAY, Colo. (AP) -- Wildlife officials are investigating whether bears that fed on the body of a 74-year-old Ouray County woman outside her home killed her or found her body after she died.

A necropsy on a 250-pound bear killed after aggressively approaching sheriff's deputies investigating Donna Munson's death Friday didn't prove whether the bear killed Munson, wildlife officials said Saturday. A necropsy on a 300-pound bear killed at the home was pending.

A visitor found Munson's body Friday. The Colorado Division of Wildlife had been investigating the home's residents for more than 10 years on suspicion they were intentionally feeding bears. No one else was living at the home as of Saturday, Division of Wildlife spokesman Tyler Baskfield said.

Division representatives said Munson was known to feed dog food to bears, despite wildlife officers' repeated calls and letters not to do so.

"It got to the point where she never opened her door for us, allowed us on her property or answered her phone," Baskfield said. "Our officers went above and beyond, in terms of gaining her cooperation."

Wildlife officials said Munson had built a metal fence covering her porch, allegedly so she could feed bears through the fence. In early July, a man who described himself as a caretaker asked officers to place bear traps on the property out of concern for his safety, the division said.

Munson was never ticketed, partly because hilly terrain and heavy foliage around her home made it difficult to find evidence of her putting out food, Baskfield said.

Wildlife officers tell mountain dwellers that bears that find food near homes, campgrounds, vehicles often return. They tag and relocate bears that aren't considered a danger, but those animals might be euthanized if they get into trouble again.

Mt Wilson toll Road Repair crews at work



After nearly five years and \$1.48 million, work on the Mt. Wilson Toll Road is nearly completed and the historic trail is just a few weeks away from reopening, say county fire officials supervising the project.

“BEAR CANYON”

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

SATURDAY - January 9, 2010

SATURDAY - February 13, 2010

SATURDAY - March 13, 2010

SATURDAY - April 10, 2010

SATURDAY – May 8, 2010

SATURDAY – June 5, 2010 - {National Trails Day}***

***** At A Site to be determined*****

Bear Canyon is classified as semi-wilderness.

The crews of men and women have been doing one fantastic job!! We have most of the 5.2 miles of canyon trail completed. Over the six dates mentioned we hope to get more of the trail work completed.

We also will be clearing an area at the trail camp for a future outhouse!!

There is always much to be done.

We are always looking for a few more good and willing able bodies.

Tell a friend!!!

The work is very rewarding and we work in an environment that is absolutely beautiful. If you have never been to Bear Canyon, now is your chance!

Do YOU spend time in the mountains? Hiking, camping or just relaxing??

Then you know just how serene it can be. Now is your chance to give something back. This is your way to say thanks without expecting thanks in return. The needs of the many, out weigh the needs of the one. We can do for others, what they cannot do for themselves. We can do this together, “One Day At A Time”.

The more workers (volunteers) we have, the faster the trail work will be completed.

THIS IS YOUR CANYON!!!!

These are your mountains. Yours to enjoy and take care of for future generations.

Don't wait for someone else to do it. Jump in and help out. Your mind will love you for caring about others without expecting anything in return!

We will be meeting each day @ 7:50am on Angeles Crest Highway in La Canada just 200 yards north of the 210 freeway, then carpool to the trailhead. We have most of the necessary tools & supplies needed. R.S.V.P. so we bring enough tools for everyone. Bring water and lunch. Hat, gloves, long pants & long sleeved shirt, good boots and safety glasses are recommended.

For those of you who like, we may get together for dinner at Conrad's in La Canada afterwards if time allows.

For more info. Contact Richard Nyerges @ 626-285-0962 nyerges@sbcglobal.net

“Peace Be The Journey”

**Los Angeles River Ranger District
12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342**

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter Los Angeles Times April 3, 2008 email: info@tundracomics.com



Volunteer Today

Send this in Right Away to

**Howard S. Okamoto—12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Rd
San Fernando, CA 91342**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # (hm) _____

e-mail _____

Interests

Indicate what you would like to do. Circle area or enter your interests.

Campground Host/ Visitor Information/ Smokey Bear - Fire Prevention/

Recreation Aid / Forest Patrol /Resource Management / Computers/

Research-Librarian / Office Clerical / Tour guide/ Fire Lookout/

Conservation Education / habitat restoration and tree planting

Other: _____
